

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By Chairman Dave Kasten, on January 15, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dave Kasten, Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Rep. Tim Callahan (D)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mike Cooney, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Rep. John Sinrud (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present:

Donci Bardash, Committee Secretary
Mark Bruno, OBPP
Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 6, 1/3/2007; HB 8, 1/3/2007;
HB 11, 1/3/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:05 Chairman Kasten
00:00:34 Sen. Barkus
00:00:52 Ms. Duncan
00:01:23 Sen. Barkus
00:01:33 Sen. Brueggeman
00:01:42 Rep. Callahan
00:01:53 Rep. Kasten

CONTINUED PRESENTATIONS ON HB 6, HB 8 AND HB 11

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:45 Rep. Kasten
00:02:52 Jim Edgcomb, Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:25 Bob Fischer, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON JORDAN:

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:08 Rocky Nelson, Town of Jordan
00:08:24 Patrick Murtagh, Montana Engineering and Administration
[EXHIBIT \(j1h09a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:53 Sen. Barkus
00:11:42 Mr. Edgcomb

PRESENTATION ON EKALAKA:

00:12:20 Mr. Edgcomb
00:13:09 Mr. Fischer, DNRC

Proponents' Testimony:

00:13:54 Janell Dean, Town of Ekalaka
00:15:34 Julie Jones, Single Tree Consulting
00:18:06 Rep. Kasten

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON THOMPSON FALLS:

00:18:45 Mr. Edgcomb

00:19:16 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

00:19:46 Louis LaRock, Mayor of Thompson Falls

00:20:35 Fred Phillips, Great West Engineering

00:22:46 Sen. Jim Elliott, SD 7, Trout Creek

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:23:57 Rep. Kasten

00:24:10 Mr. LaRock

PRESENTATION ON SUPERIOR:

00:24:44 Mr. Edgcomb

00:25:06 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:37 Roger Wasley, Town of Superior

00:26:52 Jim Melstad, Anderson-Montgomery Engineering

00:29:38 Sen. Elliott

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:30 Sen. Barkus

00:30:42 Sen. Elliott

00:31:09 Rep. Kasten

DISCUSSION ON TSEP:

00:31:45 Rep. Kasten

PRESENTATION ON DAYTON:

00:33:36 Mr. Edgcomb

00:35:07 Pam Smith, DNRC

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:13 Dick Strandlof, Dayton County Water & Sewer District
[EXHIBIT\(jlh09a02\)](#)

00:39:37 Donna Heffner, Dayton Water & Sewer Board

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:57 Sen. Barkus
00:41:29 Ms. Heffner
00:41:53 Sen. Barkus
00:42:36 Ms. Heffner
00:43:14 Sen. Barkus
00:43:26 Ms. Smith
00:43:39 Sen. Brueggeman
00:45:26 Sen. Barkus
00:46:16 Sen. Brueggeman
00:46:57 Rep. Kasten
00:47:20 Sen. Barkus

PRESENTATION ON TWIN BRIDGES:

00:47:36 Mr. Edgcomb
00:48:20 Mr. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:03 Sam Novich, Town of Twin Bridges
00:50:54 Davis Smith, Twin Bridges City Council
00:52:05 Dan McCauley, Great West Engineering
00:54:45 Fred Phillips, Great West Engineering

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON SEELEY LAKE:

00:57:44 Mr. Edgcomb
00:58:35 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

00:59:26 Vincent Chappell, Seeley Lake Water District

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON SUNNY MEADOWS:

01:04:41 Mr. Edgcomb

01:06:06 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

01:06:43 Mike Lilley, Sunny Meadows Water & Sewer District

01:09:15 Mike Huber, Sunny Meadows Water & Sewer District

01:09:29 Janet Lilley, Sunny Meadows Water & Sewer District

01:09:42 Cynthia Winchell, Sunny Meadows Water & Sewer District

01:10:02 Craig Pozega, Great West Engineering

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:37 Rep. Kasten

01:10:53 Ms. Smith

01:11:11 Mr. Edgcomb

01:11:36 Rep. Kasten

01:12:02 Jim. Edgcomb

01:12:20 Mr. Hollenbaugh

01:12:49 Chairman Kasten

PRESENTATION ON TRI-COUNTY:

01:13:11 Mr. Edgcomb

01:13:40 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:14:43 Chris Stephens, Tri-county Water Board

01:15:09 Adam Dahlman, Tri-county Water Project

01:19:08 Gordon McKarrow, Water-user/ Tri-county Water Board

01:20:04 Richard Brandt, Tri-county Water Board

01:20:52 Tom Fuhringer, Tri-county Water Board

01:22:07 Dave Aune, Great West Engineering

01:23:28 Kathleen McKerrow, Tri-county Water District

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:01 Rep. Kasten

01:24:07 Mr. McKarrow

01:24:22 Rep. Kasten

01:25:10 Mr. Aune

PRESENTATION ON LOMA:

01:26:20 Mr. Edgcomb

01:26:45 Sen. Cooney arrives

01:27:09 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:28:03 Annemarie Robinson, Bear Paw Development

01:32:16 Steve Stiles, Loma Water Board

01:32:39 Steve Bahnmler, Loma

01:33:05 Dan Works, Loma

01:33:35 Mr. Aune

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:34:44 Rep. Kasten

01:35:28 Ms. Robinson

01:36:45 Rep. Kasten

01:36:55 Ms. Robinson

01:37:34 Sen. Barkus

01:37:47 Mr. Robinson

01:38:16 Sen. Barkus

01:38:23 Ms. Robinson

01:39:38 Sen. Barkus

01:39:51 Ms. Robinson

01:40:20 Sen. Barkus

01:40:39 Rep. Kasten

01:41:55 Mr. Bahnmler

PRESENTATION ON SHERIDAN:

01:42:37 Mr. Edgcomb

01:43:53 Mr. Fischer

Proponents' Testimony:

01:44:39 Chris Mumme, Mayor of Sheridan

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

PRESENTATION ON PINESDALE:

01:47:36 Mr. Edgcomb

01:48:02 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

01:48:45 Tom Allsop, Pinesdale Water Department

01:52:27 Douglas Wissenbach, former Pinesdale Chairman

01:54:13 Joe Dooling, Jackson Engineering

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:55:42 Sen. Barkus

01:55:59 Mr. Dooling

01:56:29 Sen. Barkus

01:56:35 Mr. Dooling

01:56:48 Rep. Kasten

01:57:43 Mr. Dooling

01:59:20 Rep. Kasten

01:59:37 Mr. Dooling

PRESENTATION ON POWER:

01:59:52 Mr. Edgcomb

02:00:57 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

02:01:38 Ross Fitzgerald, Power-Teton County Water & Sewer
District

02:04:16 Joel Pilcher, Great West Engineering

02:05:37 Mr. Aune, Great West Engineering

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:06:05 Sen. Barkus

02:06:28 Mr. Edgcomb

02:06:35 Mr. Aune

02:08:00 Sen. Barkus

02:08:37 Mr. Aune

02:11:51 Anna Miller, DNRC

02:13:30 Rep. Kasten

02:14:40 Sen. Barkus

02:15:11 Mr. Fischer

PRESENTATION ON RAE:

02:16:18 Mr. Edgcomb
02:17:33 Ms. Smith

Proponents' Testimony:

02:18:03 Mr. Murtagh
02:20:39 David King, RAE Water & Sewer

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None.

Discussion:

02:21:40 Rep. Kasten
02:24:22 Rep. Hollenbaugh
02:25:16 Sen. Cooney
02:26:03 Sen. Brueggeman
02:27:15 Rep. Kasten
02:28:13 Ms. Duncan

02:28:37 **Motion:** Sen. Brueggeman moved **TO DRAFT** a subcommittee bill entitled: An act to "Authorize university construction projects using nonstate funds."

Discussion:

02:29:29 Sen. Barkus
02:29:42 Ms. Duncan
02:29:55 Sen. Brueggeman
02:30:51 Rep. Kasten
02:31:35 Sen. Brueggeman

02:32:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:32:22 Ms. Duncan
02:32:39 Sen. Brueggeman
02:32:45 Mr. Bruno
02:32:55 Ms. Duncan

ADJOURNMENT

02:33:18 Adjournment: 10:34 A.M.

REP. DAVE KASTEN, Chairman

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